

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising;

an opening provided on one side wall of a cartridge case, and is used for tape drawing;

a slide door slidably supported by a guide part disposed along said one side wall, and said slide door is used for achieving a shutting-and-opening operation of said opening; and

a spring member for impelling said slide door to a shutting direction side, and is placed on said guide part, the spring member having two adjoining coils and a spring arm extending from each of the adjoining coils, such that the spring member has a spring arm in the shutting direction side and a spring arm in the opening direction side;

an end part of said spring member, in an opening direction side of said spring member, is supported at a higher position than an end part of said spring member in the shutting direction side,

wherein, the end part of the spring member, in the opening direction side, is supported in a lower half of the cartridge case, and

wherein the spring arm of the spring member, in the shutting direction side, is longer than the spring arm of the spring member in the opening direction side so that the two adjoining coils remain in a horizontal position when the spring member is engaged with said slide door.

4. (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 3, wherein said end part of said spring member, in said shutting direction side, impels said slide door at a fixed point through a hooking hole provided at the opening direction side of said slide door.

5. (previously presented): A magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 3, said magnetic tape cartridge further comprising;

a slider stop for stemming a shutting direction end of said slide door, and is provided at another side wall;

said slide door is impelled by said spring member at a position lower in height than a top end of said slider stop.

6. (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 5, wherein said end part of said spring member, in said shutting direction side, impels said slide door at a fixed point through a hooking hole provided at the opening direction side of said slide door.

Claims 7-16 (canceled)

17. (new): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

an opening provided on one side wall of a cartridge case, the opening being used for tape drawing;

a slide door slidably supported by a guide part disposed along the one side wall, the slide door operative to achieve a shutting-and-opening operation of the opening; and

a spring member for impelling the slide door to a shutting direction side, the spring member being placed on the guide part;

an end part of the spring member, in an opening direction side of the spring member, is supported at a higher position than an end part of the spring member in the shutting direction side,

wherein, the end part of the spring member, in the opening direction side, is supported in a lower half of the cartridge case, and

wherein the end part of the spring member in the shutting direction impels the slide door at a fixed point through a hooking hole provided at the opening direction side of the slide door.

18. (new): A magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 17, said magnetic tape cartridge further comprising;

a slider stop for stemming a shutting direction end of the slide door, and is provided at another side wall,

wherein, the slide door is impelled by the spring member at a position lower in height than a top end of the slider stop.